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**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1. A method for highlighting recently used items in an interface, comprising:
  - 5 at a time of loading an interface, identifying a recently used item in the interface; and  
presenting the recently used item before presenting the interface.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising recording items in the interface that are selected by a user.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the step of identifying a recently used item comprises identifying a most recently selected item from the recorded items.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
presenting the interface; and  
highlighting the recently used item in the interface.
- 20 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of highlighting the recently used item comprises:  
displaying a graphical indicator in association with the recently used item.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying the recently used item in a portion of a display concurrently with the interface.

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highlighting the at least one frequently used item in the interface.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of highlighting the frequently used item comprises:

- 5 displaying a graphical indicator in association with the frequently used item.

16. The method of claim 11, further comprising displaying the at least one frequently used item in a portion of a display concurrently with the interface.

- 10 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the portion is at the top of the display.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of displaying the at least one frequently used item in a portion of a display concurrently with the interface

- 15 comprises:

displaying the portion in a first frame; and  
displaying the interface in a second frame.

19. The method of claim 11, wherein the interface comprises a web document.

- 20 20. The method of claim 19, wherein the frequently used item comprises a hyperlink.

21. A method for highlighting links of interest in a web document, comprising:

- receiving at least one property for an item of  
25 interest;

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- retrieving a web document;  
identifying a link in the web document that  
satisfies the at least one property;  
presenting the web document; and  
5 highlighting the at least one link in the web  
document.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the step of  
identifying a link in the web document comprises:

- retrieving a referenced document corresponding to a  
10 first link in the web document; and  
identifying a link in the referenced document that  
satisfies the at least one property.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the at least one  
property comprises a file type.

- 15 24. The method of claim 23, wherein the file type  
comprises one of an image file and a sound file.

25. The method of claim 21, wherein the at least one  
property comprises a link type.

- 20 26. An apparatus for highlighting recently used items in  
an interface, comprising:

identification means for identifying a recently used  
item in an interface at a time of loading the interface;  
and

- 25 presentation means for presenting the recently used  
item before presenting the interface.

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27. The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising recording means for recording items in the interface that are selected by a user.

28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the  
5 identification means comprises means for identifying a most recently selected item from the recorded items.

29. The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising:  
means for presenting the interface; and  
highlighting means for highlighting the recently  
10 used item in the interface.

30. The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the highlighting means comprises:

means for displaying a graphical indicator in association with the recently used item.

15 31. The apparatus of claim 26, further comprising means for displaying the recently used item in a portion of a display concurrently with the interface.

32. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the portion is at the top of the display.

20 33. The apparatus of claim 31, wherein the means for displaying the recently used item in a portion of a display concurrently with the interface comprises:

means for displaying the portion in a first frame;  
and

25 means for displaying the interface in a second frame.

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34. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the interface comprises a web document.

35. The apparatus of claim 34, wherein the recently used item comprises a hyperlink.

5 36. An apparatus for highlighting frequently used items in an interface, comprising:

identification means for identifying at least one frequently used item in an interface at a time of loading the interface; and

10 presentation means for presenting the frequently used item before presenting the interface.

37. The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising recording means for recording items in the interface that are selected by a user.

15 38. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the identification means comprises means for identifying at least one frequently selected item from the recorded items.

20 39. The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:  
means for presenting the interface; and  
highlighting means for highlighting the at least one frequently used item in the interface.

40. The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the highlighting means comprises:

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means for displaying a graphical indicator in association with the frequently used item.

41. The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising means for displaying the at least one frequently used item in a portion of a display concurrently with the interface.

42. The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the portion is at the top of the display.

43. The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the means for displaying the at least one frequently used item in a portion of a display concurrently with the interface comprises:

means for displaying the portion in a first frame;  
and  
means for displaying the interface in a second frame.

44. The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the interface comprises a web document.

45. The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the frequently used item comprises a hyperlink.

46. An apparatus for highlighting links of interest in a web document, comprising:

receipt means for receiving at least one property for an item of interest;

retrieval means for retrieving a web document;  
identification means for identifying a link in the web document that satisfies the at least one property;

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presentation means for presenting the web document;  
and

highlight means for highlighting the at least one  
link in the web document.

5 47. The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the  
identification means comprises:

means for retrieving a referenced document  
corresponding to a first link in the web document; and

10 means for identifying a link in the referenced  
document that satisfies the at least one property.

48. The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the at least one  
property comprises a file type.

49. The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the file type  
comprises one of an image file and a sound file.

15 50. The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the at least one  
property comprises a link type.

51. A computer program product, in a computer readable  
medium, for highlighting recently used items in an  
interface, comprising:

20 instructions for identifying a recently used item in  
an interface at a time of loading the interface; and  
instructions for presenting the recently used item  
before presenting the interface.

25 52. A computer program product, in a computer readable  
medium, for highlighting frequently used items in an  
interface, comprising:

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instructions for identifying at least one frequently used item in an interface at a time of loading the interface; and

- 5 instructions for presenting the frequently used item before presenting the interface.

53. A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for highlighting links of interest in a web document, comprising:

- 10 instructions for receiving at least one property for an item of interest;
- instructions for retrieving a web document;
- instructions for identifying a link in the web document that satisfies the at least one property;
- instructions for presenting the web document; and
- 15 instructions for highlighting the at least one link in the web document.

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